

Southeast Parent News

November 2004

From the desk of the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Progress reports will be sent home on Friday, November 19th. And parent-teacher conferences will begin the week after (Nov. 22, 23). You will have an opportunity to discuss the contents of the report with your child's teacher, and to share how you feel your child is doing.

One of the biggest educational events of the year is fast approaching – American Education Week, November 15-19. The theme of this year's celebration, "Celebrating the American Dream," is intended to remind people that teaching and learning is a home and classroom team effort. The interaction between children, parents, and teachers cannot be underplayed. When partnerships between teachers and parents are strong, the children's chances of success skyrocket.

I am proud of the Southeast staff for their continuous dedication and support to the children of our school. I also recognize the many parents and community members who are involved in Southeast activities. Helping children achieve at school, as well as in life, is a goal we can all share with pride.

Sincerely,
Norma Fisher-Doiron

- Earth Day Birthday... with love for Emily Jean Sandall on her 6th birthday... from Mommy and Daddy;
- For the Love of the Red Sox... to Jediah Zuraw-Friedland and all the other Red Sox fans who remembered to keep the Faith! Believing is a powerful thing!... Love, Ayla, Mom, and Dad.. October 27, 2004;
- Hot Day on Abbott Avenue... dedicated to the parents of Southeast... for helping to make the playscape possible... from the Southeast PTO;
- Oliver's Game... dedicated to Curt Vincente... for helping to make the playscape possible... from the Southeast PTO;
- Skippyjon Jones... in memory of Ellie... a very special Great Dane... from Evelyn Flaherty;
- Stuart Little... dedicated to Miss Parker... for helping to make the playscape possible... from the Southeast PTO;
- This Truck... dedicated to Mrs. O'Connell-Buckley... for helping to make the playscape possible... from the Southeast PTO;
- Trading Places with Tank Talbott... for Andy Mikolinski on his 7th birthday... love, Mom and Dad.

If you are interested in purchasing a book for our library, please contact Mickey Maheu for information.

STORIES FOR SOUTHEAST THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

The Southeast Elementary School PTO would like to thank the individuals below for their purchase of the following books for our school library:

- Counting Our Way to the 100th Day... for Andrew Leal Thompson on his 5th birthday... from Mom and Dad;

SPECIAL MOVIE WEEKEND

As part of a Character Education program that we are participating in, we will be sending a family film home with your child on Wednesday, November 10th. The film has a terrific message, so please find time over this weekend to sit down as a family and enjoy the movie.

Celebrating American Education Week November 15-19

The theme of this year's celebration, "Celebrating the American Dream," reflects our nation's commitment to all students. We know the time crunch parents, students, and teachers face every day. In part, we celebrate the many unsung efforts and interactions that take place between children, parents, and teachers.

Today's teachers do more than teach basic skills. They nurture and inspire children. They help students learn essential skills not always measured in testing, such as critical thinking, conflict resolution, cooperation, and problem solving, which help students throughout life.

I invite you to schedule with the teacher a time to visit your child's classroom and learn for yourself how you and the teacher can work together. Ask how you can contribute to a child's success. We'll be glad to advise.

The National Education Association web site: www.nea.org/aew offers many "how to" ideas and suggestions. You will find hands-on and how-to materials and links to other Web sites.

SOUTHEAST SCHOOL BANK

The SAVE FOR AMERICA SCHOOL SAVINGS PROGRAM is open every Monday, before school in the computer lab. This program is offered through Liberty Bank. Students can pick up the information packet any Monday morning between 8:45 - 9:15 a.m. Please call Stacy Fulton at 456-2143 if you have questions.

Veteran's Day Luminaries

Please visit our drive-through luminaries the evening of Nov. 10th from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. to honor our veterans.

Take a look at what's happening in November and December

All events at Southeast unless stated otherwise.

November

Veterans' Day, No School	Thursday, November 11
Professional Day, No School	Friday, November 12
American Education Week Children's Book Week	Monday through Friday November 15 – 19
Green Thumbs Club	Thursday, November 18
Board of Education Meeting	Thursday, November 18 7:30 p.m., Council Chambers, Town Hall
Progress Reports Thanksgiving Lunch	Friday, November 19
Early Closing Day Book Fair Parent/Teacher Afternoon Conferences	Monday, November 22
Early Closing Day Book Fair Parent/Teacher Evening Conferences	Tuesday, November 23
Early Closing Day Turkey Trot Race	Wednesday, November 24
Thanksgiving, No School	Thursday, November 25
Thanksgiving Break No School	Friday, November 26

December

PAC Meeting	Monday, December 6 6:00 p.m.
PTO Meeting	Monday, December 6 7:00 p.m.
Grade 3 Field Trip to Library	Wednesday, December 8
Board of Education Meeting	Thursday, December 9 7:30 p.m. Council Chambers, Town Hall
Hanukkah Begins	Thursday, December 9
Das Puppenspiel Snow Queen Assembly	Monday, December 13 11:00 a.m. – noon
Last Day of Hanukkah	Wednesday, December 15
Green Thumbs Club	Thursday, December 16
Trestle Tree Ends	Thursday, December 23
Winter Vacation And Christmas Holiday	Friday through following Friday December 24 – January 2
School Resumes	Monday, January 3